IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Raoul Donath Confirmation No.: 1247

Application No.: 10/509,075 Art Unit: 3733

Filed: 09/22/2004 Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.

Attorney Docket 001227-0152

No:

For: DEVICE FOR JOINING A LONGITUDINAL SUPPORT WITH A

BONE FIXATION MEANS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 14, 2007

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview held on March 19, 2008.

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136: it is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2007 be extended for a period of one (1) month from March 14, 2008 to April 14, 2008. The fee for this extension is believed to be \$120.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge this and any other fee which may now or hereafter be due in this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated December 14, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits the following revisions and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response

Remarks begin on page 9 of this response